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SUBJECT: SCHUETZ REAFFIRMS STRONG STANCE ON FEA

1. IN TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW ARRANGED BY BERLINER MORGENPOST MARCH 31 WITH GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ ON VACATION IN SWITZERLAND, SCHUETZ SAID HE FIRMLY OPPOSED ANY CONCESSIONS TO SOVIETS OVER FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (FEA). NOTING THAT FRG DECISION HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN AND ALLIED SUPPORT HAD BEEN MADE KNOWN, SCHUETZ DECLARED THAT AGENCY SHOULD BE SET IN OPERATION IN BERLIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WHEN ASKED ABOUT GDR THREAT TO BAR FEA EMPLOYEES FROM TRANSIT ROUTES, SCHUETZ SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE CLUMSY VIOLATION ON QA AND WOULD REQUIRE WESTERN SIDE TO PLACE ITSELF IN STATE OF EXTREME ALERT. SCHUETZ DENIED ANY LINK IN QA BETWEEN REDUCTION OF FEDERAL PRESENCE AND UNIMPEDED TRANSIT, AND SAID THAT HE SAW NO REASON NOT TO ESTABLISH FURTHER FEDERAL OFFICES IN WEST BERLIN IF JUSTIFIED.

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MORGENPOST REPORTED SIMILAR RESPONSES TO

QUESTIONS POSED TO CSU CHAIRMAN STRAUS.

2. GOVERNING MAYOR ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO STATE THAT SENAT WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS GDR TO RESCIND REGULATION DOUBLING CURRENCY-EXCHANGE REQUIREMENT. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT SENATOR MANSFIELD'S RECENT PROPOSAL FROM STATIONING ONLY SYMBOLIC U.S. FORCE IN BERLIN, SCHUETZ SAID THAT PRESENT STRENGTH OF U.S. GARRISON WAS COMMENSURATE WITH NATURE OF U.S. PRESENCE AND SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED.

3. MARCH 31 BERLINER MORGENPOST EDITORIAL STRONGLY APPROVED GOVERNING MAYOR'S REMARKS AND CONTRASTED THEM WITH FALTERING ATTITUDE IN BONN. "SCHUETZ," MORGENPOST DECLARED, "HAS SAID WHAT IS RIGHT AND NECESSARY. DO HIS COMRADES ON THE RHINE UNDERSTAND?"KLEIN

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